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CU-FOR ALLAN REICH FROM ROACH

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1. WITH ENCOURAGEMENT FROM HIS VICE CHANCELLOR, A MEMBER OF USEFI BOARD, AN ALIGARH UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBER HAS SOUGHT OUR HELP IN FINDING SOURCE OF FUNDS IN US FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT FOR 10-YEAR OLD SON WITH SPINA-BIFIDA LIPOMA OR MENINGOCELE ON THE SPINAL CORD. ALTHOUGH INDIAN DOCTORS BELIEVE CASE NOT AMENABLE TO SURGERY, A BRITISH SPECIALIST THINKS SURGERY POSSIBLE AND ADVISES PETER BENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, BOSTON, AS BEST PLACE.

2. BOTH LEGS ARE WASTING AND THE CHILD IS INCREASINGLY UNABLE TO STAND OR WALK WITHOUT ASSISTANCE. HIS FATHER IS DESPERATE TO HAVE THE BOY EXAMINED BEFORE EFFECTS OF THE DISEASE BECOME IRREVERSIBLE IF, INDEED, THEY ARE REVERSIBLE. HE HAS RAISED ENOUGH MONEY FOR ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL BETWEEN INDIA AND NEW YORK, AND POSSIBLE COULD GET PERMISSION FROM GOI TO CONVERT MODEST SUM OF RUPEES TO DOLLARS, BUT THERE IS NO WAY THAT HE COULD PAY FOR MEDICAL FEES, HOSPITAL BILLS, AND OTHER COSTS CONNECTED WITH SON'S TREATMENT IN US.

3. DO YOU HAVE PRIVATE SECTOR CONTACTS ABLE TO ASSIST DESERVING CASES SUCH AS THIS ONE APPEARS TO BE? OR ANY OTHER ADVICE?SAXBE

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